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**stern** (*stärn*), n. 1. the  
ques. 2. three-  
[r:] -ster-

the tail of a hound. 5. by the stern, *Naut.* drawing more water aft than forward. [*ME sterna* < *Scaud*; cf. *Iceal stern* steering (duns aft; see *STERNPOST*)]

**Stern** (*sturn*), n. 1. Isaac, born 1920, U.S. violinist, born in Russia. 2. Otto, born 1888, U.S. physicist, born in Germany; Nobel prize 1943.

**Stern**.

ster-nal (stér-ná), adj. of or pertaining to the sternum. [*NL sternál* (s). See STERNUM. -AL]

stér-ber-gia (stér búr-gé a, -jé a), n. any of several bulbous herbs of the genus *Sterbergia*, of Europe and Asia, having yellow flowers that bloom in autumn, grown as an ornamental. [*NI* -stér-ber-gia Count Kasner *Sternberg*]

**stern** (sturn), *n.* Laurence, 1718-22

-*stern* (störn), *n.*  
 man and novelist.  
 -*stern-fore* most (störn/for/möst, -for/ or, esp. Br.  
 -most), *adv.* 1. Naut. with the stern foremost.  
 2. awkwardly; with difficulty. [störn + foremost]  
 -*stern* / *frame*, *naut.* a framework used in place  
 of a mast to accommodate a propeller used in place  
 of a sail.

**sternpost** (stér'póst), *n.* A framework used in place of a propeller post and rudder post, one of the other being regarded as the sternpost, connected to their bottoms by a shoe.

**stern gallery** (stér'gál'érí), *n.* An open platform at the stern of a ship, below the level of the quarterdeck.

**sternite** (stér'nít), *n.* Entomol.

**sternite** (stŏr'nit), *n.* Entomol. a sclerite of the sternum of an insect, esp. a ventral sclerite of an abdominal segment. [sterne- + -ite] —steron-

**stern/knee**, *Naut.* a knee in a wooden ship forming part of the deadwood of the stern and reinforcing the stern between the keel and the sternpost.

[illegible]

**no-clēl-do-mas-tōid** (stŭr'n3 kl/ŭ'də mas'tōid)  
 1. -adj. 1. of, pertaining to, or involving the  
 neck muscle on each side of the neck, the action  
 of which assists in bending the head and neck forward  
 sideways. [**NL** sternocleidomastoīd(es)]

**no-costal** (stŭr/nŏ kos/tŭ), -kŏ/stŭ). *adj.* **Am.**  
of, pertaining to, or situated between the sternu-  
m and the costal. [**STERNUM** + **COSTAL**]  
**post** (stŭr/n'pŏst/). *n.* **Naut.** an upright member  
from the after and of a keel; a rudderpost or  
post. Also called body post. Cf. **sternpost**.

**SON** (sörn/sen), *n.* a knee in a timber-frame reinforcing the angle between the knee-brace and the main beam.

reinforcing the angle between the keel and the  
 rump. [stærn² + (keel)son]  
 lum (stür'nom), n., pl. -na (-na), -mum  
 Zool. a bone or series of bones extending along  
 the middle line of the ventral portion of the body  
 of vertebrates, consisting in man of a flat, mammal  
 connected with the clavicles and the scapula  
 bone. See diagram.

connected with the clavicles and the true ribs.  
 1. See diag. under skeleton. 2. The ventral  
 part of a body segment of an arthropod. [*Lat.* *sternon* chest, breastbone]

**sternation** (stér'nyə is'shən), *n.* act of sternal  
 position.  
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**sta-tor** (stár'nyo tá'tor). *n.* Chemical agent causing nose irritation, causing formation from **STERNUTORY**.

**sta-to-ry** (star nóo-tá'tor'á, -tór'á, -nyo'tá'tor'á). *adj.* 1. Also, **ster-nu-tor-y** or tending to cause sneezing.

**stern** (stɜrn/wɜrd), *n.* 1. *Naut.* the midship or backbone of a ship. 2. *Aviat.* the fuselage of an airplane. [*LL sternū* 'backbone', *sternus* 'backbone, breastbone']

by (sturn/wā'), n. 1. *Naut.* the movement  
backward, or stern foremost. 2. have a  
(of a vessel) to move or be moving back-  
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neel (sturn/hwā', -wē'), adj. (of a  
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of fat-soluble organic compounds, such as vitamins, hormones, and sex hormones, most of which have a physiological action. —*adv.* *fat* (size bold *n*, *std.*), pertaining to or characteristic of. [stem (n) + -oid]

stür/a pē'), n. Class. Myth. one of the mother of Oenomaus by Aris.  
stür/a pēz'), n. Class. Myth. one of

**sténoré** (*sténoré*), *n.* *Class. Myth.* one of the winds.  
**sténoré** (*sténoré*), *n.* *Pathol.* a heavy snoring during respiration in certain diseases. [*sténoré* (to snore) + *-oré*].  
**sténoré** (*sténoré*), *adj.* 1. characterized by heavy snoring. 2. breathing in this manner. — *sténoré* (*sténoré*).

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deriv., derivative; equiv., equivalent; limit, limit;  
\*, hypothetical. See the full text of the book.